How to reprimand your dog: Going to the bathroom in your house!

Feng Shui with Fido™ Philosophy: Here is a very important dog owner tip. Teaching your dog to go potty outside has several steps to it and they all work together to create success. A puppy’s ability to hold the urge to go to the bathroom and know where to go happens in developmental stages and with YOUR guidance. Many dog owners get down right righteous and some feel that their dog knows where to go, and they are having potty mistakes in the house on purpose! Other owners are convinced their puppy is of “genius” status and zipped through the housebreaking process in weeks, only to be surprised later on, when their puppy has a multitude of potty mistakes in the house. If you fall into any of these camps, this tip will help.

Going to the bathroom is a function, not a behavior. Where a dog goes to the bathroom over time will become a behavior. So, it’s up to you to understand how to clearly guide your dog. Reprimanding your dog properly must make sense to your dog.
Dispelling the myths:

1. You DO NOT need to catch your dog in the act of going to the bathroom in your house to reprimand him! Going to the bathroom is a function. Why: We are not saying don’t go to the bathroom, we are trying to explain don’t go to the bathroom here! So catching him in the act and yelling does not make sense.

2. Never, EVER hit or yell at your dog. Your dog does not know what he has done wrong. Why: He may understand that YOU are mad, but not at what. People get very righteous and think that their dog knows what he has done wrong but, in reality, they are reacting to your voice and are just reacting to your anger, and not truly understanding.

3. Punishing your dog and putting him in the crate to think about things is WRONG. Why: Your dog is thinking many things, but I assure you he is not thinking about peeing in the house! People doing this form of punishment are actually using the crate totally backwards. The crate is supposed to represent a good, cozy environment from where he is taken from to go potty, not put into after he goes potty!
get:

1. A leash
2. Download the Feng Shui with Fido training tip “Gating for housebreaking”.
3. Download the Feng Shui with Fido™ Potty Schedule.

use: A little reverse psychology and get your dog to come to you away from the mistake. Or silently and calmly walk up to you pup and put on the leash.

when: You can reprimand anytime you notice the mistake. You are saying “no” to the scent of urine or poop on the carpet or floor, NOT the act of going. By consistently taking your pup outdoors on a leash and using the Feng Shui with Fido™ Potty Schedule, your dog will master housebreaking in a positive way through training.

why: Dogs associate things through their sense of smell. They are also pack animals, so guiding them on a leash makes sense to them. They also love routine. Therefore, you need to set a routine of guiding your dog in a happy way outdoors to go only potty several times a day. Just a two minute potty break is all that’s needed. Walks and playtime are separate.
How to reprimand: Remember, all commands and reprimands have a beginning, middle and end. The ending of the reprimand is always positive!

The Beginning
1. Get the leash
2. Use reverse psychology: get your pup to come to you by crouching down and calling him in a happy voice.
3. Put the leash on your dog and guide him over to whatever he has chewed.

The Middle
4. Put your dog’s nose near it, not on it, and say, “NO! NO! NO!” in a firm voice. What you are saying “No” to is the scent of urine or poop on the floor.

The End
5. Then say the “Outside” in a happy voice and guide your dog to the potty area. Your dog may not need to go to the bathroom and that’s all right. You are at least consistently showing him and reinforcing on a leash where you would like him to go to the bathroom. Then say, “Ok!” in a happy voice. The reprimand is then officially over! Say “good dog” and clean up the mistake.